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Consumption of Plastics
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the plastic consumption in the country is expected to increase from the current 12 Million Metric Tonnes Per Annum (MMTPA) to 20 MMTPA;
(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to reduce its consumption;
(c) whether the Government is planning to take steps to create awareness among people regarding harmful consequences of use of plastic and if so, the details thereof; and
(d) whether the Government proposes to ban manufacturing/use of plastic items in the country and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(DR. HARSH VARDHAN)

(a) As per the Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals, the production of polymers during year 2015-2016 is 8.84 Million tons. During the same period production of performance plastics is reported to be 1.70 Million tons.

(b) & (c) The Government has taken note of harmful consequences of use of plastic on humanhealth and environment. The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change has notified Plastic Waste (Management) Rules, 2016, which, inter-alia, has made every local body responsible for development and setting up of infrastructure for segregation, collection, storage, transportation, processing, recycling and disposal of plastic waste.These rules ban the usage of carry bags, plastic sheet or like with thickness less than 50 microns besides mandating the recyclers to conform to the BIS norms.

(d) The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change doesn't propose to impose a complete ban on the use of plastic.
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